

Engineering For A Better Texas

# TBPE Quarterly eNewsletter | June 25, 2019 **Engineer in Training (E.I.T.) Edition**

### 86th Legislative Session

On June 16, 2019, Governor Greg Abbott signed a historic piece of legislation that will merge the regulation of the practices of engineering and land surveying into one board. Effective September 1, 2019, HB1523 creates the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.





#### TBPELS Press Release

Additional bills related to the practice of engineering have been posted on our website and recently updated regarding the bills which were signed by Governor Abbott and when the enrolled bills will be effective.

Bills Related to Engineering

### **NCEES Exam Updates**

NCEES has provided updated deadlines and exam dates for the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 exams.



October 25-26, 2019 PE and SE Exams Registration opened June 17th and will close September 3, 2019.

### NCEES Examinee Guide

Computer Based Testing (CBT) NCEES is in the process of transitioning exams from a paper format to computer-based testing.

https://ncees.org/exams/cbt/



### **Board Meeting Update**

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers Quarterly Board and Committee Meetings were held May 22-23, 2019. Highlights include the following:

#### **Disciplinary Actions**

All enforcement actions approved in the Board meeting are posted on the TBPE website.



Enforcement actions are reported based on the date of the Board meeting at which the actions were taken.

http://engineers.texas.gov/disciplinary.htm

#### **Board Meeting Recordings**

The recordings have been posted on the agency YouTube Channel. Viewing these recordings qualifies for continuing education credit under the category of self-directed study. A maximum of five credit hours may be accrued for self-directed study.

http://engineers.texas.gov/recordings.htm

#### Policy Advisory Opinion #49 Unpaid Services Rendered/Making a Design Null and Void

A determination of a municipality's obligation to ensure that a design professional has been paid by a property owner prior to the municipality approving the plans for construction or permitting construction utilizing said design.

https://engineers.texas.gov/policy.htm#pao49

#### **Webinars and Outreach**

#### P.E. Ethics Webinars

The next P.E. Ethics Webinar is July 11, 2019. Webinar Registration Page

These quarterly webinars provide an up-to-date overview of agency activities, case studies, and a review of professional ethics topics.

The free webinars have been so well received that in 2019, we added additional events each month. One ethics webinar will be held each month in addition to the multiple webinars one month prior to each quarter's expiration date. Refer to the webinar page for registration links, specific dates and times.

#### http://engineers.texas.gov/webinars.html

We offer live presentations on ethics, licensing and to students/potential applicants. If you are interested in scheduling a live TBPE presentation at your workplace, please refer to our outreach page.

http://engineers.texas.gov/outreach



## **Annual Customer Service Survey**

We know your time is valuable. The Texas Board of Professional Engineers works hard to provide the service you expect. Can you please take 5 minutes to let us know how we are doing or if you have suggestions for improvement? We appreciate your assistance.

2019 Customer Service Survey

### **TBPE Job Openings**

TBPE has an opening for a Customer Service Representative and a Program Specialist in our Licensing Division. Refer to the link below for job descriptions and instructions to apply. <a href="http://engineers.texas.gov/jobs">http://engineers.texas.gov/jobs</a>

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